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TOPIC Erfurt-Bindersleben Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. Every day between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. during the period from 27 August to 5 September, jet planes practiced flying over the Cotha area. The planes usually flew individually and in elements of two.¹

2. On 7 and 11 October, no air activity was observed over the Erfurt-Binderleben airfield. Only a few flights had been made between 13 September and 7 October. No aircraft were observed from the Erfurt-Bindersleben road. The buildings at the field were occupied by about 300 soldiers who wore red-bordered black and red-bordered light blue epaulets with aviation insignia. On 7 October, the radio installation with four masts was no longer there. Trucks were observed at the field.²

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1. Comment. The aircraft observed were probably stationed at Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield at that time.

2. Comment. Only some MiG-15s of the fighters division in Koethen, probably from Altenburg airfield, were previously stationed at Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield. According to the present report, it appears that the planes were transferred. This assumption is supported by the information that the PKV-45 HF stationed was removed. Soldiers wearing red-bordered light blue epaulets are reported for the first time. Since the soldiers wore aviation insignia they must be assigned to an air force unit which cannot be identified.

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